

## FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: Fiscal Review Committee Staff

DATE: March 12, 2003

SUBJECT: **SB 285 - HB 355**

This bill, if enacted, will expand the current 25% tuition discount program for children of public school teachers to include children of retired public school teachers.

The 25% discount will apply only for those students enrolled at a state-operated area technical vocational school or institution of higher learning.

The fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures of approximately \$168,000 to offset lost tuition revenue to the schools of approximately \$168,000. This estimate assumes the following:

1. There are an estimated 8,000 retired public school teachers (age 50-70) and 480 dependent children who will participate in the fee discount program.
2. The participant to employee ratio is 6.0%.
3. The average cost of this program is estimated to be \$350 per participant in 1994-95.

Details of the estimate are detailed below:

Retired Teachers	8,000
Participation factor	<u>x 6.0%</u>
Estimated Participants	480
Average Program Costs	<u>x \$350</u>
Total Increase in State Expenditures	<u><u>\$168,000</u></u>

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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